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And the winners are...

Winners of the Albany Fire Department's junior coloring contest, chosen at random and awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, are Brian Wyss, Willy Wyss, Aryan Ghadimi (Marin School), Tammy Hinds, Emma Corum, Tim McKay (Cornell School), Casey Knudson, Adam Hawley, Lulu Hawari (MacGregor School), Catie Cuan, Ana Tokeshi, and Shawna Cuan (Vista School).

visions of future bike trail network

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The city is one step closer to a network of greenway bike and foot paths crossing its city limits, thanks to be-
lance on the guaranteed list for a \$100,000 grant.

The grant, which would finance the planning of a multi-mile, multi-use path along Codornices Creek from San Pablo Avenue to the Bay Trail, from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and would be in 1997.

The path would run through University Village along the Berkeley-Albany border and connect the Bay Trail at the frontage road on the side of I-80.

In addition to the two Bay Trail projects, one to be built by Caltrans in connection with freeway widening and the other paid for by Ladbrooke if Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit is settled in favor of the city, and Albany would have a network of greenway bike and foot paths along San Pablo Avenue to the waterfront. Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, who hopes to have a 200-foot section of Codornices Creek restored in 1996, called the grant a "crucial element" in terms of moving forward with

an Albany trail network. He said that now is the time to act in terms of planning the path because of the amount of open space along Codornices Creek.

"We have an open field at the moment," said Brodsky. "It's time to run with the ball."

Bill Ekern, Albany's community develop-

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—MIKE BRODSKY, ALBANY MAYOR

ment and environmental resource director, also calls the grant a crucial development. He said it gives Albany "a huge leg up" in applying for federal and state construction grants for the path. This is the first time Albany will be able to set aside money to do comprehensive planning on such a project, he said.

The grant, which will come in the form of reimbursement, works on a 88 1/2 to 11 1/2

percent ratio. To receive its \$100,000, Albany will have to spend just under \$13,000 of city funds.

Brodsky said he plans to hold a series of community-based planning meetings which would include property owners along the proposed path, environmental groups and any interested parties to discuss ways in which the path can be built.

Codornices Creek, which ranges from a raging torrent during winter storms to a slow trickle in the summer, is for the most part fenced off at the moment. Aside from the 200-foot section Brodsky would like to see restored, another 350-foot section is also being restored by the Urban Creeks Council, with native plants and fruit trees to be planted along its banks.

Construction of a trail, coupled with the two restoration projects, would allow easy public access to the otherwise abandoned creek.

Problems involved in planning the path include bypassing small stretches of the creek where private land does not allow room for construction, obtaining the right of way on land owned by University Village, and finding a way to get across the Southern Pacific railroad tracks so that the path

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Bilak cuts Plaza property value

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Milton Bilak has made a financial move that will have a significant impact on redevelopment agency revenues in the city. Bilak, one of three major owners of the El Cerrito Plaza, along with Federated Department Stores and Long's Drugs, has reduced the property value of his portion of the Plaza, which includes the small shops and the Lucky's site.

City staff learned of the change from a letter written by Bilak to his tenants in May, stating that he was attempting to reduce his property tax obligation by transferring a condemnation loss in another jurisdiction to the Plaza property. Such a transfer in tax basis is legal; it was approved in September.

Neither Bilak nor the Contra Costa County assessor's office informed the city of El Cerrito of the change in property status, which will have a significant effect on property tax increment revenue for the city.

The city did not obtain a copy of

the letter to tenants until November. In the May letter, Bilak had stated he was willing to share the property tax savings with tenants, who are responsible for the property tax on a pro rata basis, but only on a 75 percent/25 percent basis (75 percent of the savings to him).

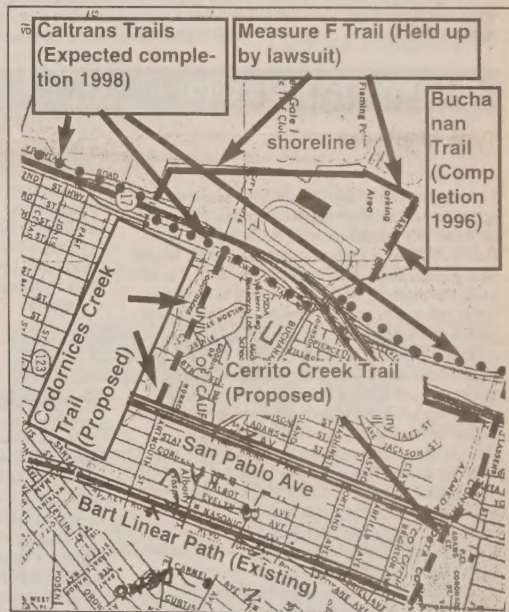
The adjustment will have a major impact on redevelopment agency financing, since the property is now assessed at \$328,630 less than it was valued in 1977/1978, according to community development manager Gerry Raycraft. The Plaza is now valued at \$8,756,070. As a result, the agency will receive no tax increment revenue from the property; the loss is about \$83,000 annually.

The sales tax revenue loss to the city of El Cerrito is less significant, totalling about \$3,000.

A statement in Raycraft's staff report on the action reflects some of the initial council reaction to Bilak's action.

"While Mr. Bilak has consistently looked to the agency to pro-

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C to expand street sweeping

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The street cleaning program in El Cerrito will be expanded to include more residential areas. According to former council candidate Thom Stark, residents will welcome the

change. In the last campaign, I heard that many residents were in favor of having more visible street cleaning in the city," Stark told the council at its Monday night meeting. At the same time, he questioned whether this is the best time

for expansion of city services, with so many revenue cutbacks imminently expected, including loss of sales revenue from the soon-to-close Emporium store and legal changes in California that will result in other tax cutbacks.

In response to Stark's question, council member Norma Jellison noted that the expanded residential street sweeping service is, in fact, mandatory.

"This is all part of the storm water runoff pollution abatement program we're required (by federal law) to have in our community,"

she said.

The federal Non-Point Discharge Elimination System or NPDES, as it is more commonly known, went into effect several years ago, requiring that local jurisdictions reduce storm drain pollution at the source by cutting down on any materials caught up with rain water and washed down the drain — in this region, ending up in the San Francisco Bay.

Like other jurisdictions, El Cerrito had to come up with a report on the current condition of storm

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Plaza improvement efforts continue

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The coming of the new year may see renewed energy for improvements at El Cerrito Plaza. At least the city will be moving forward with exploring possibilities.

In recent years, candidates for council (now council members) have reported that one of the main issues they hear on the door-to-door trail is, "When is someone going to do something about the shopping center and gathering place. The Plaza has become less attractive to shoppers with their retail dollars out

of town.

Some positive steps have been taken in the last two years or so. Plaza manager Dan McNeer has worked closely with the Plaza Merchants Association and with a hired consultant to offer enticing promotions to shoppers. The weekly Farmers Market has been a major success, bringing in the kinds of crowds and community spirit merchants would like to see every day. In addition, Long's Drugs underwent a major renovation several years ago and seems to be thriving; evidently Lucky is pleased enough with its business to be requesting a major expansion at the site.

In general, however, discouragement and frustration have marked public discussion of the Plaza's future. The triple-ownership of the center (Long's, the Emporium and Milton Bilak, who owns the Lucky property and the small shops) has worked against any mutual efforts in planning and improvements. Just as it looked as though a mutually-sponsored market study would be a possibility, the Emporium was sold. Now the future of the building itself is in question; its owner, Federated Department Stores, has announced its January closure and sale of the property.

Still, the city council and a number of citizens, including members

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City Councilmember Thelma Rubin shows off the trees to be planted in Albany.

Time for trees

ALBANY — The city, through its Adopt-A-Tree program, is planting 100 trees this December at residential and commercial locations. Funded predominantly, through grant funding from the California Department of Forestry and the California Department of Transportation, the tree planting program will be planting 1,000 trees in Albany before the Spring of 1997. Over 18 varieties of trees will be planted.

City Council member Thelma Rubin, who has lived in Albany since 1957, said the trees are a welcome addition.

"I am happy that the City has pursued and received these grant funds. These trees will make Albany a more beautiful city and a more environmentally-friendly place to live."

Albany residents can still participate in the Adopt-A-Tree program by calling the City of Albany Commu-

nity Development and Environmental Resources Department or stopping by the city of fices. For \$37 residents can order a tree of their choice to be planted in the parking strip in front of their home (an additional \$44 added for concrete removal if necessary).

The next tree planting will be in Spring, the deadline for ordering trees is January, 1996. Order now! These prices may not last.

Casino grand opening a hard to refuse, surreal experience

AMONG BIDS TO PARTY during the holiday season, I was one of an elite group "cordially invited to attend the Premier Opening celebration of Ladbroke's Casino San Pablo, Northern California's most luxurious casino." (Shouldn't that be "Ladbroke's?")

Albany may or may not have a "casino," formerly known in these parts as a "cardroom," in our future, so it was an offer I couldn't refuse. Plus, they had "\$60,000 in cash giveaways, \$90,000 in free gifts, fabulous entertainment and 60 tables of non-stop action." The drive north on San Pablo Avenue was carefree until the towers of Casino San Pablo and a long line of cars waiting to turn right came into view. Crawling around a Nevada Tour Bus, I inched into the acres of parking which was full and gridlocked. Valet parking is available, a sign said, but apparently not for low rollers. There was one white stretch, very stretch, limo parked in an empty lot by the entrance, but no ladies and gents in evening clothes nearby as shown in the pictures.

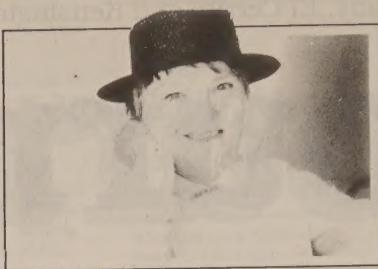
I eventually emerged back onto San Pablo to park two blocks away in front of somebody's house.

THE OUTSIDE CASINO buildings try for grandeur with a sly mix of Western U.S. and East Asian styles. A 30 or so foot tower and two beige and red horizontally striped edifices could be either monuments in the neighborhood of the Alamo, dome-topped civic buildings in Khanh Duong or a clever architect's version of a gambler's dream of glitz.

Inside the casino, you'd think you were in downtown Vegas if downtown Vegas was in downtown Taipei, Seoul or Ho Chi Minh City. I'm guessing that at least 90 or more percent of the people were Asian. And the place was packed, not literally or virtually packed, packed.

IN THE MAIN LOBBY to the right was the "concierge" and to the left a booth where you could play a round of Super Pan 9 and get your free gift, a poster, a tee-shirt or the like, depending I think on how big you won. I forewent my free gift because the line was three deep winding off into infinity.

Straight ahead was a lounge where everyone was drinking orange juice and behind that a restaurant called The Broiler. To the left and right



By Phyllis Lyon

were the sites of the action, two large rooms, with turned on but silent teevee sets spaced around near the ceiling, housing the card tables.

Feeling as I imagine Alice felt going through the looking glass, I wandered around among the tables. There were eight or so people, mostly men, at each table playing cards, often one of them a clean-cut Caucasian man. Many were smoking, but, Thelma, there was no smoke in the air. Everybody seemed to be drinking orange juice. White-shirted white guys strolled among them.

THEY WERE PLAYING OMAHA, Hold 'em, 7-card Stud, Double Hand Poker, Super Pan 9 and Wisted's California Blackjack which is not 21, but 22 or maybe 23. I know this only because I picked up sheets allegedly explaining the games. But, as it is with the arcane terms of any trade, you have to know the language. What is a "Kum Kum" bet? What does it mean "less than minimum bets will receive action, but will not be tolerated"? I dared not sit down although they'd probably have welcomed such a sure-fire patsy.

Why, we may ask, has Ladbroke become cardroom happy when "no player ever plays against or makes a wager against Ladbroke's Casino San Pablo." Not to worry, when each person sits down and before card one is dealt, Ladbroke takes a "collection" of at least the minimum bet for the table, \$3, \$5 or \$10. In Omaha, for instance, the "buy-in" is ten times the minimum.

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT, I've been to Las Vegas a couple of times in my life, played blackjack and toured Hoover Dam; I've been to Reno a couple of times, played blackjack and heard Frank Sinatra. So the unsmiling intensity of the cardplayers around those tables is a mystery to me. The impression of this outsider is somehow more sinister than entertaining at Ladbroke's Casino San Pablo, "Where Winners Play," not to mention losers.

opponent of the cardroom proposal." At the time of the 1994 Albany elections there was no cardroom proposal!

My support for Bob Cheasty does not impel me to make nasty and unjustified attacks on the other candidates. Robert Outis made a point of identifying himself as a Democrat. Too bad he doesn't understand how he could damage his own political party by using the Democratic primary to carry on a vendetta.

Bob Arnold
Albany

Thanks for the party

The Journal received a copy of the following thank-you letter from Bill Lewis for a surprise moving-away/retirement dinner party held at the Community Center two months ago.

What a SURPRISE! I wish to thank the Teen Center committee who put this retirement/moving-away surprise dinner party on for me and did a great job. (The dinner party was held earlier at the Community Center with about 150 guests in attendance.) Thank you, Ray Anderson, Kristina "with a K" Osborn, the real "jewel" Okawachi, sister Fern Luoma, Billy Jones and Jack the MC Rosano.

Thanks for the resolutions from the state Assembly, courtesy of Tom "this city will miss you" Bates, the gracious Albany School Board and the honorable City Council.

Thanks to the Parks and Recreation committee for naming the Teen Center after me. (It is now called the Bill Lewis Teen Center.) (Lewis was instrumental in obtaining the Teen Center. He started a committee called "Bill's Group" who took it from there with him at the helm until the center was completed.) Those who attended the



More letters

dinner and filled my scrapbook made this affair a special night.

My volunteer work in this community was very rewarding and to be honored as I was for doing something I truly liked was unexpected.

Thanks to Thelma Rubin and Elizabeth Baker for your duet.

The food served was delicious as well as beautiful.

I leave Albany with many good memories and many, many good friends.

Please take the time to visit the Teen Center located near the Middle School and help out by volunteering your time or providing some funding.

Again, thanks to all for a very special evening.
Bill Lewis
Albany

Another driver's perspective

Editor:

Thank you for publishing Mary Moorhead's compassionate words in your Sept. 28 issue on "How to cope when driving becomes a concern" and for offering much useful information. After re-reading it, however, I would like to offer an additional perspective.

In recent months there's been considerable evidence that plans are in the works in many states (California included) to weed out the marginal drivers. Although understandable to ensure safety of everyone else, it could be a shock to many, especially seniors.

Some articles have described tougher eye tests to sort out those with poor vision.

Others have described additions to the standard procedures to require explaining the purpose and operation of each switch and control device on the instrument panel before the actual driving test. Lack of such familiarity could end the test. (How many of us have read our operator's manual and are thoroughly conversant with it?)

Assuming these hurdles are passed, the standard street driving may now be expanded to require entering a busy freeway to see how skillfully the driver merges with fast traffic, crosses safely into the fastest lane, and then recrosses the lanes to exit at a specified off-ramp. (Many who now avoid the stress of freeway driving could fail this portion of the test.)

If implemented, such plans could deny license renewal to more and more older people.

I'm a senior and I drive, but decided some time ago to work toward the day when I might cease driving but could continue a happy active life.

I've taken a hard look at the world of driving and my own attitude toward it. I've rejected the hypnotic suggestion with which we're constantly bombarded that Americans can't live without their cars and decided not to let a car dominate my life.

I've admitted to myself that it's no fun to drive any more. It's full of pressure to keep alert and it's stressful. That meant questioning the necessity of driving and seeking other ways to move about.

Step 1: How would I get around if I didn't drive? If public transportation is an answer, why not learn to use it while under no time pressure?

Step 2: Try AC Transit, BART, San Francisco Muni, and taxis for local transportation and try trains for distant travel. I've learned about getting around the Bay Area and found the wonderful world available through Amtrak. I know how to get where I want to go and when more information is needed.

Step 3: Use these services enough to become comfortable with them. I've done that and feel in control.

Step 4: Add up costs to operate a car (gas, oil, tires, license, maintenance, insurance, parking, etc.) and compare with cost to use public transportation along the same routes. I'm saving money!

Step 5: Best of all, enjoy new freedoms that driving doesn't offer. No worrying about parking. No meter minutes to watch. Time to read while waiting for a bus or using BART and friendships to explore while riding Amtrak. I've seen sights and enjoyed scenery that wasn't possible when keeping my eyes glued to the road. A whole new world is opening up. The only change is in how to plan ahead.

Freed from so much concern for car and driving, I'm feeling liberated for travel and especially discovering the joy of taking the train. Now I'm ready for the next step — looking for a senior citizen facility where it would be easy to

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walk to stores, the library, a theater, and close access to public transportation to an Amtrak station. No longer a slave to car and free of worry about maintaining a car, I anticipate revelling in more companionship, more adventures on the train. I can't wait. Come join me on Amtrak and explore the

In Cheasty's defense

Editor:

I am responding to Bob Outis' letter that attacked Robert Cheasty. Mr. Outis' letter me deeply because I know him and Robert Cheasty. I found the letter an unfair and unfounded attack on an honest and dedicated leader in our community.

I know Bob Outis because I am Legal Director of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club leader in the fight to save the Eastshore State Park. I am also a strong vocal opponent of the Albany cardroom. I resigned from Citizens for the Eastshore Park, an organization I founded, because I refused to oppose the cardroom.

I know Bob Outis because the Sierra Club filed a brief in support of the citizens' challenge to the cardroom proposal. Mr. Outis is the attorney for that citizens' group. I have worked with him on that issue. If anyone were concerned about a candidate with ties to Ladbroke, it would be me because of my opposition to the cardroom proposal.

I also know Robert Cheasty. I got to know him when I took up the fight to save the park in the early 1980s. He was one of the strongest supporters of the Sierra Club's efforts. I worked with him over the years on getting vote for progressives, environmentalists, liberal Democrats. I have endorsed him in campaign for the assembly seat that Tom must vacate due to term limits. I endorsed because I found him to be an honest and working environmentalist and progressive Democrat.

I found Mr. Outis' letter to be an unjustified attack on Robert Cheasty. His honesty is what we need in an assembly member, than engaging in a revolving door of interests, Robert Cheasty has closed the door. Robert Cheasty served on the Albany council until 1988. Ladbroke was not there that time. In this time period, the track at Pacific Racing. It would do nothing to help Fe approved.

Contrary to Outis' claim, Robert Cheasty leave the city council to work for the track. I took over sometime in 1992, after Robert Cheasty had been in private legal practice for two years. I retained him for legal matters pertaining to always disclosed his legal representation to even when he did not have to whenever he took the issue of the shoreline or the Albany waterfront.

I credit his retention with a major change in track deal and worked with the Sierra Club community activists. It was a more positive supportive relationship. Robert Cheasty was one of the key leaders in the Measure C campaign in Albany. This measure, which the Sierra Club stopped Santa Fe from developing the Albany waterfront. As I recall, Bob Outis opposed it and spoke out in favor of Santa Fe.

Outis claims the cardroom was first developed in Albany in 1992. I recall no such discussion if the idea was mentioned it was only in passing most everyone else, I was not aware of it until 1994 when the Albany City Council voted through on short notice.

In early 1994 Robert Cheasty severed his relationship with Ladbroke. Since then he has worked from them, has not sought any campaign from them, and has not received any funds for his election campaign.

How many candidates can you think of who voluntarily severed a lucrative business relationship with a client and NOT sought campaign funds from that client? I can't think of too many. That makes Robert Cheasty so special and why I am a strong supporter of his. His honesty is rare in a state legislative body where corruption is rampant.

I hope Bob Outis stops this kind of personal attack on Robert Cheasty. We need more servants like Robert Cheasty.

Norman La Force El Cerrito

Letters to the Editor

Typical attack

Editor:

Perhaps by now one should have become accustomed to Robert Outis' diatribes. His attack on Assembly candidate Robert Cheasty in the Dec. 7 Journal is typical, combining great length with a remarkable disregard for the facts. For five years the majority of Albany voters have consistently refused to accept Robert Outis' advice on how they should vote.

As many will remember, in 1990 Albany citizens put an initiative on the ballot to protect the waterfront from an unwanted commercial development. Robert Outis opposed the initiative and favored commercial development. Over 70 percent of Albany's voters disagreed with him.

Bob Cheasty supported the waterfront protection initiative. His political experience and know-how were of immeasurable help in the election campaign. Ever since then Robert Outis has attacked Bob at every opportunity — just as Outis has attacked anyone else who has opposed commercial development on the waterfront.

Thanks to the efforts of people like Bob Cheasty, and the voters of the three shoreline cities, Assemblymember Tom Bates, with a lot of his own hard work, was able to secure passage of a bill to create the Eastshore State Park. I support Bob Cheasty's candidacy because I believe he will effectively continue to support those values Tom Bates stands for, including the creation of the shoreline park.

I cannot begin to take the space to answer all of Outis' factual misrepresentations. Perhaps one example will illustrate his casual attitude toward the truth. He says that "Robert Cheasty and ... Mayor Mike Brodsky then worked hard in the 1994 local elections to defeat the most vocal

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Little locomotives keep on chuggin'

Tiny trains have taken off with their Berkeley builder

Daniel Goldstein

A cramped garage near Berkeley's Elmwood district, engineer Michael O'Rourke tweaks the wheel of a tiny locomotive, lighted underneath the boiler with the help of a neurosurgeon. The engine coughs out a puff of steam, and the tiny train, gears whirring, comes spinning as it hisses down the track.

Welcome to the Berkeley Locomotive Works, he grins.

The company, which began as a hobby, is now a full-time business. O'Rourke, a former multimedia artist, has turned his hobby into a profession. He has found his niche in the garden railway market.

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price for this hobby can be steep. A steam locomotive often runs as high as \$5,000, and that doesn't include the tracks or the cars.

"It's a hobby for the rich," says O'Rourke. "This is like a real railroad, very labor intensive. You can't just turn off the electricity and leave it to gather dust. There has to be constant maintenance."

That's where Berkeley Locomotive Works comes in. O'Rourke's "entry-level" locomotives, as he calls them, known as the Cricket, start at \$379. The high-end model goes for \$499. The Cricket is a tiny, four-wheeled locomotive modeled after an 1890 prototype used in Ohio. The miniature trains run just like a real locomotive, using steam power to drive the pistons. Butane instead of coal heats the water, which turns to steam and sends the locomotive puffing down the tracks.

"We want to get people into the low end of the market," he said. Already there are several railways here in Berkeley, while the Bay Area Association of Garden Railways boasts nearly 400 members.

O'Rourke, a long-time Bay Area resident, started the business in 1990 while running Miniature Times, an antique toy store on Solano Avenue. He said garden railways always fas-



Chester King Vega

Mike O'Rourke, chief engineer of Berkeley Locomotive Works, tinkers with one of his engines.

inated him, though the price of owning one was steep.

But there were no manufacturers of the trains in the United States, he said. "It seemed silly to us that this country couldn't develop live steam."

O'Rourke, however, had never worked on railroad a day in his life. "You read the books, you grab the tool and start building," he said. "I'm an actor by trade. This kept me busy between acting jobs before this really took off."

Now the 51-year-old former freelance actor makes working on the railroad his full-time business. Together with his 18-year-old son, Breffni, they carefully machine the copper boilers and burners in the tiny backyard shop on Hillgass Avenue, then assemble the shoo-box steamers by hand. Nearly 14 different machining operations go into the manufacture of the boilers and pistons alone.

Many of the hand-tooled engines are being sent as far as Australia, Japan, Germany and Britain. O'Rourke plans to ship as many as 100 units worldwide by next year, if he can get around the tariffs. The European Union charges a duty of 7.5 percent on the tiny trains, while

the U.S. lets his European competitors in the country for free. "I was going to write (US trade negotiator) Mickey Kantor a letter," he laughed, "but I don't have the time."

O'Rourke is his own marketer as well. He advertises in small railway magazines here in the US and Britain. A black-and-white brochure is the extent of his direct mail campaign.

Like any manufacturer, O'Rourke has a network of suppliers, and plenty of headaches. A body repair shop owner in Vallejo paints the cabs and other parts. "He's a real train nut so he gives me a good deal," he said. A sheet metal shop in Richmond stamps out the bumpers, while a brassmaker in Oakland turns out the wheels. "We

try to use as many local vendors as we can," he said. He picks up the parts in his battered 1986 Plymouth Sundance. "Someday we'll get a nice truck and put a sign on it," he said.

So far says O'Rourke, Berkeley Locomotive Works pays his rent. He has kept his costs down by keeping his payroll small. His son, Breffni, a senior at St. Mary's is his sole employee. "I'm losing him next year when he goes to college. I need help because I can't do this alone. I've never done a cost analysis and I'm afraid to."

But O'Rourke said he plans to expand to a new shop in West Berkeley next year. "They say 'follow your bliss,' (and) it's the sound of them chugging up the hill that I love most."

Newsline

School district hosts parent radio programs

WEST COUNTY — Two new radio programs for parents in the West Contra Costa Unified School District are slated to debut from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 1996 on KECG FM, 88.1. The programs will be hosted by Peggy Stein, parent, educator, and journalist; and Doug Spangler, author and parenting expert.

The first program, *ParentTalk*, (12 to 1 p.m.) is a varied and informative talk show featuring topics of interest to parents. The second, *Father Time* (1 to 2 p.m.) offers a lively and down-to-earth format of information and resources for dads.

The program will continue to air regularly every Saturday. Future plans include the additions of call-in shows and bilingual programming. The programs are produced by a Parent Education consortium which includes: WCCUSD's Consolidated Programs, (Parent Involvement Department), Richmond Adult School, Health Education Department, and Bilingual Department; as well as the English Action Center which is a community based organization.

For more information call 234-3825.

Retired teachers meet

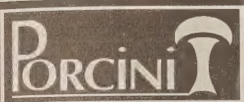
The January meeting of West Contra Costa Division 58 of the California Retired Teachers Association will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Avenue, Richmond.

The luncheon at noon will be followed by a program. Annie Soo will be the speaker. She will give a slide talk and an account of her impressions at the Beijing '95 Non-Governmental Organizations Forum on Women. For reservations, call 232-3656 or 234-9021 no later than Friday, Jan. 5.

Lecture in Albany

ALBANY — Saturday, Jan. 6, Judy Lightstone, MFCC will talk about "Women, Food, and Beauty" at The Albany Community Center 2 to 4 p.m.

Lightstone studied with the authors of *Fat is a Feminist Issue*, and *Overcoming Overeating* at the Women's Therapy Institute, and has been training therapists for nine years. (510) 869-2786.



New Years Eve Menu

Appetizers (choice of one)

Warm oyster and parsley soup w/Ossetra caviar
Grilled sea scallops in a watercrest salad w/bacon & truffle vinaigrette
Crispy lamb chops w/roasted garlic potatoes & celery root salad
Winter greens

ENTREES (CHOICE OF ONE)

Lightly smoked sturgeon w/vegetable panada, crispy potatoes & truffle infused broth
Grilled salmon on a wild rice blinis, served with a champagne & hazelnut sauce
Grilled squid w/leeks & pine nut risotto & pinot noir essence
Lamb loin w/melange of sun dried tomatoes, artichoke, olives & capers in roasted garlic broth

DESSERT (CHOICE OF ONE)

Malted Bittersweet chocolate mousse w/warm truffles
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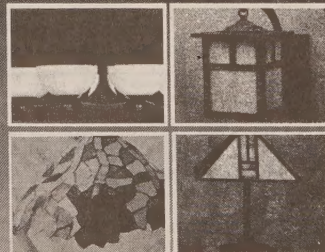
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East Bay Events



Friday Homecoming

For saxophonist and Berkeley High music program alumnus Redman is appearing at Yoshi's Nitespot through Jan. 1. Redman with Redman is the Benny Green Trio, led by another Berkeley High grad.

March 1993, the 26-year-old Redman has released four albums which sold more than 250,000 copies. He tours with his band, the Redman Quartet, and plays more than 250 dates a year. Redman, who was chosen 1995 *Rolling Stone* Critics' Poll Jazz Artist of the Year, graduated summa cum laude from Harvard. On his new two-CD set, "Spirit of the Moment," he played both tenor and sax live at New York's Village Vanguard.

Redman at Yoshi's at 8 and 10:30 p.m. are \$18 tonight; \$20 Friday, Saturday and Monday. Tickets for the 9 p.m. Sunday New Year's Eve Celebration are \$50.

Reservations call 652-9200 or BASS.

Group art show

Paintings, prints, photography, sculpture and quilts by members of Bay Women Artists are on display at Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Main Blvd. in Montclair.

Included are photographs by Susan Bettleheim, quilts by Sandi Cummings, etchings by Nora Andersen Fox, acrylic paintings by Les Hicks, Nancy Pollock and Shirley Schrank, and oil paintings by Peter Roseman.

Also participating in the show are Deborah Martin, showing bronze sculpture, and Betty Muller, showing acrylic paintings.

The show runs through Feb. 25. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Women and saxophones

The Seattle-based Billy Tipton Memorial Saxophone Quartet, an all-women's band with drummer, brings its European Eastern funk and klezmer and punk, and New Orleans jump-gooove to La Peña next Monday, Jan. 4, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$8. Call 849-2568 or buy tickets at La Peña, 3105 Oakland, Berkeley.

Cables returns

Pianist George Cables has solo selections from his recent Maybeck CD on piano duets with Dick Maybeck on Friday, Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. at Maybeck Hall, 1537 Euclid, Berkeley. Tickets are \$25. Call 848-3228 to reserve a seat.



Chamber series

Julia Moore is cello soloist for the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra's 8 p.m. New Year's Eve concert at St. John's Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m.

Among works by Prokofiev, Danzi and Beethoven is the Bay premiere of Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme, which Edgar Braun conducts.

Comics can be fun

Humorist Will Durst brings his satirical revue of 1995 to the Julia Morgan Theater on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. Described as a "hysterical hybrid of Hunter S. Thompson and Charles Osgood," Durst is said to find his material in the newspapers he reads daily.

"I can't make up stuff like this," he says.

Durst is a columnist for both *The Progressive* and *Funny Times* magazines, and hosts the award-winning PBS series, "We Do the A&E 'A Year's Worth of Will Durst'" was nominated for Best Comedy Series.

Tickets, at \$10, call 299-0800 or 762-BASS.

Machover puts BSO to new uses

By Don McConnell

The Wednesday before Christmas, Kent Nagano led his Berkeley Symphony Orchestra in a program that made no reference to the holiday but suited the holiday spirit perfectly. The common thread in the works by Brahms, Sibelius, Vaughan Williams and Tod Machover were a mellowness and warmth that were, over the course of the evening, as relaxing and satisfying as watching a fire in a hearth.

The mellowness wasn't metaphorical. The orchestra had assembled an extra-large string section for the premiere of Machover's *Wake-Up Music* (at least nine cellos and six double basses), and the result was an unusual depth and bite to the string sound. Add as soloists a mezzo-soprano, a violinist and a men's chorus and it's hard to avoid adjectives like dark, mellow, autumnal, mournful. That was the tone of the evening.

Machover, who composes at the M.I.T. media lab, gave an engaging introduction to his piece, which was commissioned by Nagano and the

BSO. He said *Wake-Up Music* follows the development of his daughter during the first year of life; he also noted that writing for an ensemble of traditional instruments was unusual for him and that he welcomed the challenge.

The challenge, judging from the piece, was to achieve using an orchestra the sort of effects that are the specialty of synthesizers and computers. At one point, for example, a melody swept through the strings, followed a split second later by an echo. Simple and beautiful as such effects were, they must have been hellishly hard to produce it. The BSO took up Machover's challenge, performing at the highest level I've heard from this group.

Wake-Up Music had sections of real originality and beauty—familiar enough to be accessible, different enough to be exotic—especially at the start of the piece. The middle was a layered cacophony that built to a noisy climax and stayed there for too long.

Machover has an extraordinary ability to write exciting sounds from

the standard orchestra. His piece is well named; it's a wake-up to new possibilities in orchestral sounds. In *Wake-Up Music* the potential for beauty in those sounds is only intermittently tapped; I think the piece was as beautiful as Machover wanted it to be.

Vaughan Williams' 1925 *Flos Campi* is inspired by the biblical Song of Solomon. Growing out of *Daphnis and Chloe* (with which it shares a wordless chorus), *Flos Campi* is a precursor to the biblical film scores of the 1950s. Actually "precursor" is the wrong word. The epic soundtrack style is already fully formed—exotic "middle-east" melodic touches, swelling waves of emotion that climax with a burst of "oooooh" or "aaaaah" from the chorus.

Flos Campi is also, by the way, a viola concerto, and the soloist was Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca, the BSO's principal violist. She played with splendid tone and passion in both this piece and some Brahms songs later in the program. The wordless singing was by the UC-Berkeley Chorus, which is ready for Hollywood.

Lorraine Hunt was soloist with the men of the UC chorus in Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*. Hunt was a terrific choice. She's best known for baroque music, and the purity and fervency of her voice are perfect for Bach or Handel. She was able to expand her voice to the dramatic pitch needed for the *Rhapsody* (though it took her a while to do it), and the performance was a compelling one in every way.

After intermission, Hunt came back on stage with Ghidossi-DeLuca and pianist Shunsuke Kurakata to perform a pair of Brahms songs, Op. 91, for mezzo, viola and piano. With stiff competition, these were the high point of the evening for me.

Sibelius' *Symphony No. 1* sounded as if it didn't get enough rehearsal time. It was as rough-edged as the Machover was precise. Even so, the quirky wonders of the score were soaked to us.

Nagano likes to dissect his Sibelius, slowing down to savor sections at the risk of losing momentum. The piece did drag occasionally, but Nagano built up plenty of fire for the finale.

Rizzetto and Rosas play varied repertoire

Trumpet and organ concert duo Jay Rizzetto and Paul Rosas perform the premiere of Richard Burdick's *Night Hawk*, Op. 91 and music of Copland, Max Reger, Langlais and Gershwin in Friday's Trinity Concert in Berkeley.

An instrumental combination that offers a broad range of sounds resonating with a unique spectrum of timbres Rizzetto and Rosas's exploration of this dynamic combination of instruments reveals a rich repertoire of music that extends from the Baroque to the 20 century.

A Rizzetto and Rosas concert offers such diverse programming as a Purcell sonata, to a Gershwin melody, to an American spiritual.

Actively involved in today's music scene, Rizzetto and Rosas seek to expand the literature for organ and trumpet by commissioning new works and exploring music from all idioms. Performing this rich body of music, they have delighted many audiences throughout California.

Rizzetto has played trumpet for more than 30 years in a variety of musical idioms, including symphony, ballet, chamber ensemble, and original Broadway shows. He has appeared in many solo recitals, and has performed with numerous orchestras and ensembles, including the Boston Chamber Players, Boston Opera, Stuttgart Ballet, San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Ballet, and San Jose Symphony.

Rosas has played organ for more than 30 years with a focus on liturgical, classical, and contemporary music. He has performed throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, including performances at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and San Marco Cathedral in Venice.

Richard Burdick, featured composer, is a prolific writer of music, fourth horn of Sacramento Symphony and manager of Trinity Chamber Concerts in Berkeley.

He has worked professionally as an arranger for the Sacramento Symphony, Concord Pavilion Pops Orchestra and others. He has been a recipient of Meet The Composer funding, and was the winner of the 1983 Kensington Symphony Composition Contest with his "Six Medieval Fragments for Orchestra, opus 14" Burdick has had over 45 of his works performed since 1975.

All concerts will take place in Trinity Chapel 2320 Dana Street in Berkeley. Admission is by donation; no one will be turned away for lack of the suggested donation price of \$8 general and \$5 for students, seniors, or handicapped.

Call 549-3864 for more information.



Bernadette (Anne Parillaud) and Terry Klout (Matt Dillon) in 'Frankie Starlight'

Try hitching your wagon to the tale of 'Frankie Starlight'

By Renata Polt

A title like *Frankie Starlight* could lead you to suspect a wee bit of whimsy, a dollop of fayness. When you find out that the film is about an astronomy-loving Irish dwarf, you'd be pardoned for imagining leprechauns, shamrocks, and hankie-wringing sentimentality.

Correct on the whimsy, wrong on the leprechauns. And though the film, which believes in love and happy endings, comes this close to sentimentality, it doesn't quite slip over. I'll predict that *Frankie Starlight* will gain a small but loyal cadre of fans, leaving lots of other people cold.

The action takes place alternating in something like the present and in the past. Frank Bois (played by Irish sculptor Corban Walker), a dwarf, marches into the office of literary agent Handy Paige (Niall Toibin) and presents him with a manuscript, the subject of which is Frank's and his mother's story.

Before you can say "paperback rights," the agent has scored a contract with Penguin Books (all of us writers should have an agent named Handy Paige), and Frank is making the rounds of book signings and interview shows.

Intercut with this is the story that makes up Frank's book, which begins with his mother Bernadette (Anne Parillaud of *La Femme Nikita*) as a young girl in rural France. Because Bernadette is "miraculously" saved from an English bomb that kills several of her friends, she's assumed by the villagers to have mystical powers; and, in fact, she does seem to have "second sight," although this doesn't always function perfectly, and tragedy catches up with her.

Ending up in Ireland, penniless and pregnant,

Bernadette catches the fancy of a kindly immigration officer, Jack Kelly (Gabriel Byrne), who becomes—briefly—her lover and later a kind of father figure to both her and her son, Frankie (Alan Pentony), to whom he imparts his passion for the stars. In fact, even Jack's wife takes an interest in Bernadette and Frankie, but their daughter Emma resents the boy and takes her revenge on him.

Jack is conveniently transferred and disappears from the scene just in time for the arrival of American ex-GI Terry Klout (Matt Dillon), who persuades Bernadette to accompany him back to Texas. But one look at Terry's pancake-flat, dusty home turf and Bernadette is ready to flee back to Ireland.

Though Anne Parillaud lacks range as an actress, the fate of the tragic character she plays is compelling enough to keep our interest. In fact, it's the flashback parts of the story that are the most captivating. For one thing, the 12-year-old novice, Alan Pentony, is a more capable actor than Corban Walker, who portrays the same character as an adult, but does so rather woodenly.

The filmmakers—director Michael Lindsay-Hogg, who directed *Dr. Fischer of Geneva* and codirected *Brideshead Revisited*, and writer Chet Raymo, who adapted the screenplay from his own novel—don't concern themselves much with verisimilitude in the present-day parts—the story. If it really is the present day, Frank, and Emma, who reenters the picture later, would be about 50, and they're certainly not. Moreover, one can't help wondering what Frank's been living on until his success as an author.

If you can put these concerns aside, you're likely to hitch your wagon to *Frankie Starlight*.

Jazz band joins symphony

Maestro Kent Nagano will conduct the third program of the Berkeley Symphony's 25th anniversary season at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Members of the Berkeley High School Jazz Band will join the orchestra in a unique collaboration for the U.S. premiere of Sophia Gubaidulina's *Concerto for Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Band*. Violinist Yukiko Kamei, who soloed in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with the orchestra in 1989, will be the soloist in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64. Arnold Schoenberg's *Pelleas and Melisande*, Op. 5, will complete the program.

The 22-member Berkeley High

School Jazz Band has become one of the most recognized ensembles of its kind in California, performing regularly at local jazz venues and at the Monterey Jazz Festival. It has been a training ground for outstanding musicians such as pianist Benny Green, bandleader Michael Wolff and saxophonists Peter Apfelbaum and Joshua Redman.

"Jazz is a tradition at Berkeley High," says Charles Hamilton, director of the school's jazz program for the past 14 years. "It dates back to the 1940s and continues with the strong support of students, parents and alumni."

Gubaidulina is regarded as one of the leading representative of con-

temporary music in the former Soviet Union today. She has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Rome International Composers Competition and the Koussevitzky International Record Award. *Concerto for Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Band* was premiered in Moscow in 1978 and originated from a commission the composer received for a musical show.

Mini-series subscriptions for the rest of the season are still available. Single tickets range in price from \$16 to \$30, with discounts for students and senior citizens. To order tickets, call the Berkeley Symphony at 841-2800 or the Cal Performances Box Office at 642-9988.

Goings on About Town

Performances

Ashkenaz: Dec. 28, 9 p.m.: The Howlers; Dec. 29, 9:30 p.m.: Tropical Vibrations; Dec. 30, 9:30 p.m.: Sister live; Dec. 31, 8 p.m.: New Year's Eve Party with Edessa Power Block, Anoush Ellias, Kitka, Rumeli, and more; 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Claremont Hotel: Dec. 28, 9 p.m.: The Mollas Brothers; Dec. 29, 9 p.m.: Manifest Yesterday; Dec. 30, 9 p.m.: Alvon & The All Stars; Dec. 31, 9 p.m.: New Year's Eve celebration with Papa's Culture, Indigo Swing, Red Archibald & The Internationals, psychics, and others! Terrace Lounge, Ashby & Domingo Aves, Oakland. 549-8576.

Jupiter: Dec. 28, 8 p.m.: Liberty Ellman Group with Sledenmike at 5 p.m.; Dec. 30, 8:30 p.m.: Will Bernard Quartet; Dec. 31, 9 p.m.: Dogsyde. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. THE-TAPS.

La Peña Cultural Center: Dec. 29, 8 p.m.: Strictly Tango music; Dec. 30, 7 p.m.: Daddi Girl Productions & Ache host a pre-New Year's Eve Party. 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568, ext. 15.

Maybeck Recital Hall: Dec. 29, 8 p.m.: George Cables, jazz piano; Dec. 31, 8 p.m.: New Year's Eve Celebration with Paula West, vocals, Dick Whittington, piano, and Bill Douglass on bass. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

Red Cafe: Dec. 28, 8:30 p.m.: Moving Violations; Dec. 29, 8:30 p.m.: Jack West & Curvature with Scott Proffitt; Dec. 30, Michelle Abby Breger and Michael Shea; Dec. 31, 7:30 - 10 p.m.: New Year's Eve Open Reading. 1841 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

Starry Plough: Dec. 28, 9:30 p.m.: Portashrine, Good For You, and Smiten; Dec. 29, 9:45 p.m.: Swinging Doors, Mare Winningham (w/Jill Olsen); Dec. 30, 9:45 p.m.: David Gans & the Reps; Dec. 31, call for time: Love Props with Tucker. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

1995 Clearance - A Year End Revue: Dec. 30, 8 and 10 p.m.: Political humorist Will Durst presents a satirical revue of 1995's political highjinks. Julia Morgan Arts Center, 2640 College Ave.,

Berkeley. 299-0800 or 762-BASS. **San Francisco Chamber Orchestra Winter Series:** Dec. 31, 8 p.m.: New Year's Eve performances of Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Danzi, and Beethoven featuring Thalia Moore, Cello soloist. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: Dec. 29, 8 p.m.: Jay Rizzetto and Paul Rosas perform music of Bach, Pete Eben and the premiere of R. Burdick's Night Hawk, opus 91. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 1-800-738-0663.

Yoshi's: Dec. 28 - Jan 1, 8 & 10:30 p.m. (New Year's Eve one show only at 9 p.m.): Joshua Redman & Benny Green Trio; Jan. 2, 8 & 10 p.m.: Kitty Margolis Quartet; Jan. 3 & 4, 7:30 & 10 p.m.: Jimmy Smith Quartet. 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200.

Religious activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m.: "Year End Ceremony" celebrating the milestones, joys, and sorrows of this past year. Children's program: for toddlers, childcare, ages 3 - 13, class. For details, Sandy, 236-5083. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: Dec. 31, 8 & 10 a.m.: The Rev. Laurie Willis will preach. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

St. John's Presbyterian Church: Dec. 31, 10 a.m.: The Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols. 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 845-6830.

The 5:45: Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

Events, meetings, classes...

Albany Recreation and Community Services: A year-round tennis program for children and adults will be offered. Registration is now being taken. Children 4 and up and adults of all skill levels are invited to sign up for lessons. For more information

call 524-9283. 1249 Marin Ave.

Albany Pool: Classes beginning Jan. 2. Adult fitness classes, water adjustment courses for parents and their tots, synchronized swimming, and more. Contact the pool at 559-6640 for exact times and fee information.

Alice Walker: Dec. 29, 8 p.m.: Alice Walker will read from her work at the Berkeley Public Library. Seating is limited and free tickets will be distributed at 7 p.m. Central Library Reading Room, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. 644-6100.

Art Chat: Mondays at 10 a.m., (Jan. 8, and Jan. 22): Local artists meet bi-monthly at the Art Cafe. Peppermint Tree Plaza, 10174 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito.

Auditions: Auditions are being scheduled for Kairos Youth Choir, a chorus of mixed unchanged treble voices, ages 7-14 years. Acceptance into the chorus would be for the next semester. The Crowden School, 2401 Le Conte St., Berkeley. 644-0388.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Jan. 1, 9 a.m. departure: Top of Tam. Call leader Leslie Preger (415-665-6038) for details; Jan. 1, 9:30 a.m. departure: Mini Hike-New Year On Mount Tam. Call leader Rosemarie Hafford (934-8970) for details.

Family Life Hotline: Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 fm. Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Fremes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

Solo Sierrans: The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, for singles, over 40, offering fun, friendship, and an opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor, social and cultural activities. 652-4928.

Jitterbug Club: Second Saturday of month.: The Northern California Lindy Society supporting the flourishing of the Lindy (original swing dance): 486-0202.

North Berkeley Senior Center: Dec. 29, 1 p.m.: Video movie "New Moon" and a New Year's Eve Party with Toru Saito at 1:15 p.m.; Jan. 2, 9 a.m.: Ladies' haircuts. Limit 15 people; Jan. 3, 10:30 p.m.: Shared neck rubs. 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

Philately Meeting: For stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

Swimming in El Cerrito: Outside fall and winter swimming at the El Cerrito Swim Center. Lap swim hours available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday call the 24 hour voicemail message 273-9096 for hours and fees. Specialized swim lessons are available on a private lesson basis, times vary depending upon your schedule. One-on-one lessons for adults who fear the water, triathlon workouts, stroke mechanics, cross training workout plans and much more. El Cerrito Swim Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

City of El Cerrito: To Jan. 21, Sundays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.: Kyudo classes with instructor Robert Fischer. 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4371.

Lawrence Hall of Science: Dec. 28, noon and 1:15 p.m.: Red Panda Acrobats. Nancy and Wayne Huey bring the 2,500-year-old tradition of Chinese acrobatics to LHS; Dec. 29, Noon and 1:15 p.m.: Sounds and Songs of the Synthesizer with David Young; LHS will be open New Years Day. Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132.

Homework Helper: Every Wednesday from 3 - 5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's south Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

Marquetry Class: For beginners; every Tuesday 10 - noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave and Garber St., Berkeley.

Poetry Dinner Contest: In the 70-th consecutive go-round of this East Bay tradition, the Poets' Dinner contest offers awards in eight categories: Beginnings and Endings, Humor, Nature, Love, Spaces and Places, People, Poet's Choice, and Connections. Entries are to be sent to Jabez W. Churchill, P.O. Box 231, El Everano, CA 95404. Entries in separate competitions for adults and juniors must be postmarked no later than

Jan. 23. Winners will be revealed at the Poets' Dinner, March 23, at Spenger's in Berkeley. For details contact Dorothy V. Benson at 841-1217.

African-American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

Teeter Tots Program: The City of El Cerrito is offering to residents and non-residents alike a continuing program that introduces tots to gradual social skills buildings. Sharing, taking turns, and using words are the focus of this program. Ages 21 months to 3.5 years: 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito; Ages 3.5 to 5 years: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Casa Cerrito Program, 6927 Portola, El Cerrito. Contact Judie Bellotti at 215-4371.

YWCA - University: Jan. 3, 10 a.m.: Job Hunter's Orientation. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Exhibits

Albany Arts Gallery: Through Jan. 12: Art glass lighting and water sculpture by Granville Latham, fused glass lattices and lampwork glass bead jewelry by April Zilber. 1251 Solano Ave., Albany. 526-9558.

Support groups, self-help

American Schizophrenia Association - Alliance for the Mentally Ill: University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte at Scenic Ave., Berkeley. 841-8361.

Alzheimer's: and related disorders Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Center: music, dancing and fellowship; St. John's Church Center; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. For info: 444-0243.

Avatar Toastmasters: Develop public speaking skills with metaphysically-oriented spirits. 2515 Hillegas/Dwight, Berkeley. 848-6510.

Bereavement Support Groups: individual grief counseling available; 889-1104.

Conscious Connections: Meet other singles who value personal and spiritual

growth. Second and fourth Saturdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 2605.

Emotions Anonymous: Support group for people with emotional problems. The Alameda (Near Solano), Berkeley. 655-7917.

East Bay Leads Club: Wed. 7:45 a.m.: Leads Club is the leads generating organization for the world. Open to women business sales people, managers, professionals seeking to improve their business. Jack's Restaurant, London Square, Oakland. 664-6644.

Menopause Group: Information and support for women interested in alternative treatment for the symptoms of menopause. Evening group forming. Information call Marlene Smith, L.A.C., at Soul. 848-6004.

Stroke Awareness Support Group: Wednesdays, Noon. Albany Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. 9502.


Turning Point Career Support group: For job seekers and changers; self-assessment and program (\$110 nonmember fee). Two hours individual career counseling. 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 848-6444.

Overeaters Anonymous: special support meetings held through the holidays without eating or binging on Christmas Day. Year's Day, both 10:00 a.m. at Hospital Auditorium in Colma and in Berkeley. No dues or charge. welcome. Regular meetings Saturday, 8:30 a.m.: New Year's at 8 a.m.: St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Room 202, Berkeley; 273-9292 or 841-4824.

Albany TOPS: Take Pounds Off. Sensibly support group and Monday morning: 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. meeting: 980 Shattuck Ave., Albany. 526-9558.

Environmental Health Support and information: for environmental illness/multiple sensitivities; (415) 541-5071.

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OUT ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

Another year is about to come to an end which means minute New Year's Eve planners still have time to join in many Bay Area celebrations. Local restaurants and night clubs prepared in the way of special music and entertainment for the occasion.

Some of the choices still available range in taste. Over in the Maybeck Recital Hall is featuring vocalist Paula West with Dick Whittington and bassist Bill Douglass at 8 p.m. on Sunday later hour for these traditional Sunday afternoon performances for dining beforehand. Hors d'oeuvres, however, will be offered.

In Oakland's Rockridge area, Oliveto will be presenting a very prix fixe menu created by Chef Paul Bertolli for \$75 at 6, 6:30 p.m. without music and for \$95 with music at 8, 8:30 and 9 p.m. second dinner seating will enjoy the sounds of Nick Gravenhorst's Animal Mind through the New Year.

On the comedy side, many clubs have a big night planned with liners and guaranteed laughs. Nationally recognized comic Tom brings his act home for special performances throughout the week. This Friday he appears at the Majestic Theater in Berkeley at the Julia Morgan Center in Berkeley and New Year's Eve at the Cowell Theatre in San Francisco. Joining Durst will be Deb & Steve Kravitz.


Finally, if you are searching for a package extravaganza in the Bay, don't overlook the Claremont Resort. "Five Parties in One" theme of the evening, starts at \$69 per couple and features live music to psychics and palm readers.

Whatever your preference is for bringing in the new year, safe and joyful celebration. *Happy New Year!*

WEEKEND SCENE: Howard Hewett at Kimball's Bay Cables Friday at the Maybeck Recital Hall... Jim Brown at Dave Widlock and Matt Brubeck Friday and Vince Wallace at Baskin Saturday at Daniel's in Albany... Nob Hill Sounds Friday at Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Veterans Memorial Building. Joshua Redman Quartet and the Green Trio at Yoshi's NiteSpot... Spiny Norman Saturday at Coast Brewing Co.... Rhythmtown-Jive Friday, Jock Band Saturday and the Annie Sampson Blues Band featuring New Year's Eve at Brennan's... John Turk at the Ramada Live Friday, Native Elements Saturday and Sister I Live with Clowns New Year's Eve at the Paradise Bar & Grill... Dizzy Her Orchestra Friday, the John Lee Sanders Band Saturday Rhythm Sheiks New Year's Eve at The Baltic.

COMEDY SCENE: Sue Murphy, Scott Capurro and Tommy the Punch Line Walnut Creek... Tommy's All-Stars through Huck Flynn and The Platters New Year's Eve at Tommy's mon... "Comedy By the Bay" Wednesday at Geoffroy Circle... **SAN FRANCISCO:** Bobby Slayton, Nick Griffin and Yee at the Punch Line... Dana Gould and Janeane Garofalo at Comedy Club.

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■ MARTIN SNAPP

Auld Lang Zyne — And Good Riddance! Great year, huh? O.J., Oklahoma City, Bosnia, Rwanda, the Rabin assassination. You can have it.

And even if all that had never happened, any year Mickey Mantle dies has to be written off as a total loss.

It's a year-end tradition to name the best of the year gone by. But this being the year it was, let's name the worst, instead:

Dirty Old Man of the Year: Don Tello, girls' tennis coach at San Leandro High School, who was charged with secretly videotaping his students while they were changing clothes.

Curator of the Year: Allan Dyson, librarian at UC-Santa Cruz, who borrowed jazz buff Mick Gannon's priceless collection of photos of jazz greats for an exhibit.

When Gannon got the photos back, he found they had been cut up and pasted into a collage. Charlie Parker's picture was missing the autograph. Miles Davis' head was cropped. Billie Holiday's legs were cut off.

Said librarian Dyson: "We're very hopeful it will never happen again."

The Susan Smith Award: to Bibi Ball, an Oakland mother who abducted her own daughter after abandoning the little girl because spinal meningitis had forced doctors to amputate the girl's arms and legs.

She changed her mind because she needed money to buy drugs, and she thought a little girl with no arms or legs would be a great sympathy-getter panhandling on the street.

Broadcaster of the Year: Jim Gabbert (with a little help from Elihu Harris and Willie Brown). First, Harris and Brown tried to claim a tax credit when they sold KDIA to Gabbert, listing him as a Hispanic! Then Gabbert turned around and pulled his "The Boss is dead" hoax, cynically manipulating loyal listeners who deserved better.

The Camille Paglia Trophy: to Martina Navratilova, president of the Women's Tennis Tour Players Association, who turned down a sponsorship offer from Tampax because tampons are too "controversial."

This is the same association that accepts sponsorship from Virginia Slims.

Bush Leaguer Of The Year: Major League Baseball. Not for the strike, I'll let others bash them for that.

No, I'm mad at MLB for suing Little League teams to keep them from using big-league names like "Yankees" or "Dodgers" or "Athletics."

It'll take a lot of Cal Ripkins to make up for that little PR fiasco.

Scooge Of The Year: Caltrans, for sending a \$1.645 cleanup bill to the parents of 17-year-old Tiffane Spencer after Tiffane was killed in a traffic accident in Richmond.

Hypocrite Of The Year: Immigrant-bashing Gov. Pete Wilson, who used the Statue of Liberty as the photo op background for his announcement that he was running for president. (Runner-Up: Ward Connerly, the anti-affirmative action U.C. Regent who received more than \$1 million in state business in the past six years by signing up as a minority contractor.)

Public Servants Of The Year: The Oakland City Council. Cellular phones, free Raiders tickets, the Coliseum takeover. "Nuff said?

Fun Couple of the Year: Enid and Joe Waldholtz. Didn't you just love her press conference, when she said that she wouldn't resign even though her victory was due to \$1.5 million worth of illegal funds that Joe pumped into her campaign at the last minute?

Reminds me of what S.I. Hayakawa said about the Panama Canal: "We stole it fair and square, and we're not going to give it back!"

And what does 1996 have in store? Sex and science.

Take the San Francisco Exploratorium, which used to be known as a place for kids.

Well, get ready for its latest publication: "Studmuffins of Science 1996 Calendar," subtitled "Buns, Biceps and Bunsen Burners."

I kid you not. They've taken 12 hunky young Ph.D.s, stripped them down to their BVDs, and thrown in a few Playboy-ish vital statistics. (And instead of being called "Mr. January" or "Mr. September," they're called "Dr. January" or "Dr. September.")

Here's Dr. January, Brian Scottoline, an MD-Ph.D. student in Biochemistry at Stanford. And I quote:

Favorite lab organism: Bdellovibrio, a parasitic microbe that preys on other bacteria. "It's the coolest!" raves Brian.

Favorite subatomic particle: Higgs boson.

Music to listen to while working: A born punker, Brian tunes in to grunge to pass the time while pipetting samples. Current faves: the Melvins and Marley.

Happy New Year. And speaking for the legions of USC-haters, go Wildcats!

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Trail

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can connect with the Bay Trail. According to University Village's adopted Master Plan, an 80-foot-wide right of way will be set aside along Codornices Creek in connection with planned upcoming renovation projects.

As far as the railroad is concerned, either a bridge could be built over the tracks or a crossing gate constructed to allow user access to the Bay Trail.

Although the check for the grant is not yet in the mail, being placed on the guaranteed list is about as close as

Albany can get.

According to Frank Furger, assistant director of the Congestion Management Agency of Alameda County, which controls the allocation of ISTEA grants, the only way Albany would not receive the money is if the ISTEA program were not re-authorized by Congress.

Furger said that he sees no reason why the program would not be re-authorized. "We wouldn't be initiating this project if we were not fairly confident," he said.

In Alameda County, \$10.2 million of ISTEA funds have been slated for 21 transportation-related projects.

Sweep

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drainage and a plan for making it better.

"This is a continued implementation of that plan," said administrative services manager Jim Randall.

Community development manager Gerry Raycraft told the council the areas chosen for street sweeping are "highly travelled" and likely to have the most impact on the storm water drainage.

"We had to pick out those streets that were most likely to have debris and litter that would be swept down the drain," Randall said later. "It's actually quite nice. The major routes and the area near the corp yard and the recycling center will be kept cleaner."

The program will be funded by the \$14 NPDES surcharge charged to residents for the last two years.

Included in the street sweeping contract are Richmond Street, Arlington Boulevard, Barrett Avenue, Cutting Boulevard, and smaller portions of Stockton Street, Colusa Avenue and Moers Lane, and a small area near the El Cerrito Recycling Center and corporation yard.

Maintenance and engineering staff, city attorney

Howard Stern and contract engineers Harris and Associates have developed a standardized maintenance services contract to be used for all maintenance-related contract activities. The street sweeping work is the fourth of eight maintenance activities to be contracted using this format, which applies to such areas as street repairs, tree trimming and sidewalk replacement.

The new approach is more efficient and less costly than the traditional method, which can involve a lengthy bid process, said Raycraft.

"We're trying to get better control over the contract procedure and the contract in various areas of maintenance activities," he said. "Now we can evaluate a contractor based on the company's ability to do the job. We can get a qualified contractor on board very expediently."

Universal Building Services of Richmond has been awarded the city's street sweeping contract at a cost of \$1,227 per month for the commercial areas and \$1,253 for the residential, for a total of \$2,480 per month.

Last year's street sweeping budget was \$16,526 or \$1,377 per month.

Bilak

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vide him financial assistance to redevelop his interest in the Plaza, his action simply reduces the financial capability (and incentive!) of the agency to do so," he said.

"I think the thing that's most disappointing about Mr. Bilak is that he continues to show an utter disregard for this community," said City Councilmember Norma Jellison. "He's an absentee landlord, a southern California person who really doesn't care about this community."

"It's unfortunate that this this the hand we were dealt when RTC seized the Plaza from Columbia Savings. He was able to get it for a song and a dance, for nothing."

Jellison did say that Bilak was "up front" from the beginning that he was "nothing but an investor."

"But we didn't realize how bad that was going to be for us," she said. "When it's looked like we could do something to add value to his asset, he's wants to talk to us. Otherwise, he doesn't seem to be willing to create an asset where everybody wins — and that is a possibility."

"We want to add to the value of the center and the value of our community; he's focused on his bottom line, whatever happens to our community."

The redevelopment agency's revenues are used to pay off its current debt and to support new projects. It was hoped the debt would be paid off in three to five years, enabling the agency to borrow further for new projects, with development at the Plaza probably of most interest.

Administrative services manager Jim Randall noted that, in about a year, the development of the FoodsCo center will likely "balance out" the \$83,000 loss. It is estimated that the property tax increment revenues from that completed project will bring in between \$75,000 and \$80,000 annually. The agency had been expected, of course, to be that much ahead in income.

At the present time, the Pacific Development Group project is expected to include four large stores: Walgreens, PepBoys (auto parts and repair), Staples (office supplies) and a fourth site. Randall said the Petfood Express, which currently operates at the FoodsCo location, cannot remain in its present building but does have first option on the fourth site.

Sales tax revenues from that project are expected to total about \$250,000.

While those taxes will go up, the city will also be adjusting to loss of revenues from the Emporium store which will close in January. Because the closure is occurring so late in the fiscal year, it will not have a significant affect on this year's finances, Randall said.

Emporium was recently bought by Federated Department Stores, a national chain that has decided to close and sell a number of former Emporium stores, including the store at El Cerrito Plaza.

"The Emporium closure will have little impact on this year's finances; we'll only lose about a quarter of

the year's revenues," he said, adding that, "the council will have to take a hard look at next year's budget and make some difficult decisions."

At this point, Randall does not foresee staff layoffs as part of that difficult scenario; he does foresee use of some of the city's reserves to "get us through that year, until the next year when we'll be okay."

"This is exactly why a city has reserves — to meet situations like this," he said. "This is why it was so important to go from zero to \$750,000 in our reserves."

Jellison isn't quite as optimistic about the future. She is more inclined to take the Guardino decision into effect. If that court decision is upheld, the city could lose significant revenues, including the utility users tax and property transfer tax revenues.

Those taxes could be reinstated by a public vote, and both Randall and Jellison acknowledged the past history of El Cerrito's citizenry in supporting needed financing. On the other hand, a public vote continuing the taxes is "too many ifs" for Jellison, who believes the council needs to take all the possible negative conditions into account when planning for the future, including the loss of \$1/4 million in Emporium sales tax revenues and the loss of revenue from "Bilak's reassessment move."

All together, she said, "they could put us right back where we were when I was mayor, with 20 percent of our staff reduced."

"We recovered from that debacle when we lost all that revenue (when the state of California took back property tax revenues that had been going to cities). We were getting back on the road to real financial health, and this happens."

"It's really frustrating."

One significant staff position is currently empty. Raycraft was recently hired as community development manager, leaving his redevelopment agency manager position open. The agency's latest financial cutback will likely be an important factor as the city considers filling that position, Randall said.

Jellison also noted that the loss of sales tax revenue for the city is only the first "hit" that will be felt by the loss of the Emporium.

"Those 200 or so people that work there represent a real (presence) in our city's economy," she said. "They are vital members of our community now without a job."

"Even if they don't live in El Cerrito, you often shop where you work. There's that many less people not buying groceries at Lucky's, not popping into the Hallmark shop for a card. It affects the other businesses in the Plaza."

"That spinoff effect has as much adverse effect as the first...direct economic loss."

Staff are preparing letters to Bilak, the county assessor's office and supervisor Jim Rogers on the situation. The city will also request that the county institute a policy of informing cities when such significant single actions are about to take place.

Plaza

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of Sustainable El Cerrito, believe that community planning can result in a viable center, one with a yet-undefined function and orientation.

At the recommendation of Sustainable El Cerrito and the Sierra Club, the city of El Cerrito will probably contract with urban planner Ron Morgan for a "community visioning" process to better define the community's goals for the Plaza. Discussions as to the nature of that process are ongoing with Morgan.

In the meantime, however, a class in the graduate planning and business programs at UC-Berkeley has taken on El Cerrito Plaza as a project for the current semester. City staff has been providing input to the students; city planner Ed Phillips said the student council at its Tuesday, Jan. 16 meeting.

"Our thinking is that the class presentation will provide stimulus to focus more attention on the Plaza area," Phillips said in a letter to Morgan last week. As

a result, council plans to consider the proposal for the visioning process at its Feb. 6 meeting. Should Morgan's timing fit the city's proposed schedule, his community visioning process should begin in mid-March, with a series of three workshops running through mid-May.

The process would include an introductory slide lecture covering themes like urban growth and development, livability and transit issues, participant by residents, business persons and other community leaders in setting goals and designing models for the Plaza, and computer images at both air and street levels that reflect the communities goals.

According to the city's proposed schedule to Morgan, his concluding concept diagrams and report would be submitted by mid-summer.

Though some had hoped the process would begin a bit sooner, Phillips noted that "a possible advantage to the delay is that the future of the former Emporium property should become clearer in the next few months."

Police Reports

Teen arrested for dealing drugs at Albany Bowl

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 8 p.m. on Dec. 17, Cerrito police officer, who was bowling at the Albany Bowl, arrested a 15-year-old Albany boy who the officer observed him trying to sell marijuana to other patrons of the bowling alley. He was found to have a plastic bag of marijuana in his pocket and was placed under arrest. He was processed and released to his guardian.

At 2 a.m. on Dec. 17 a Berkeley woman observed driving erratically traveling on Highway 101, Pablo Avenue. She was stopped and a Field Sobriety Test resulted in the scores of 13/13. She was arrested, processed without incident, cited for driving under the influence and released when sober.

On the evening of Dec. 17 thieves stole and unlocked 1984 Toyota van parked on the corner of Cornell Avenue and drove it away without incident.

On the afternoon of Dec. 20 a 12-year-old Albany boy was approached by another boy while riding his bike on the 800 block of Cornell Avenue. The bike rider demanded the boy give him his bike and then fled with it going south on Cornell Avenue, leaving his own bike behind. The boy described as a Hispanic male, 16-years-old, 5'6", 10-inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, with dark hair and baggy pants.

At about 2 p.m. on Dec. 18 Albany police located a 1985 Toyota which had been reported stolen from Oakland. The driver of the car collided with the garage of a residence on the block of Adams Street. The owner was notified.

Between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Dec. 18 a thief stole a leather bag belonging to an Albany woman which he had left in his office.

On the night of Dec. 19 vandals threw bricks through the second story bedroom window of a residence on the 1200 block of Cornell Avenue.

Between 10 a.m. on Dec. 16 and 9 a.m. on Dec. 22 thieves stole a 1981 Toyota which was parked in front of a residence on the 1100 block of Adams Street. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Dec. 23 Albany police found a car which belonged to a Vallejo woman had been reported as stolen.

During the week of Dec. 17 Albany police fingerprinted two people at their request, three cars, responded to 27 false alarms, responded to four lost or deceased animals, assisted four who were locked out of their house or car, responded to three reports of barking dogs.

Atlas Liquor robbed, gun wielding suspect

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — Atlas Liquor Store was robbed at about 3:34 p.m. Dec. 15. The suspect was a black male, 22-23 years of age, 5-foot-11, 165 to 180 pounds, wearing a black jacket and black pants. He brandished a gun and demanded cash from the register.

There were eight arrests made for driving under the influence.

A Sacramento man was arrested at California State Prison on Dec. 2 at 2:03 a.m.

At 1:45 a.m. Dec. 16, a Dublin woman was arrested at San Pablo and Knott. About 10 minutes later, a second arrest was made: a Richmond man was arrested at San Pablo and Central.

On Dec. 17, a Kensington man was arrested at San Pablo and Schmidt Lane at about 12:45 a.m. A Richmond man was arrested on Portola Avenue and South 56th and the freeway, at 2:14 a.m.

At 1:44 a.m. Dec. 18, a San Pablo man was arrested at San Pablo and Wall; a Redwood City man was arrested at San Pablo and Madison the next day at 12:39 a.m.

A Eureka woman was arrested for driving under the influence and for possession of a gun. She was arrested at San Pablo and Madison the next day at 12:39 a.m.

A residential burglary was reported on the block of Atwell Road. Someone pried open the door for entry, then ransacked the entire house, including the garage. Cash, jewelry, clothing, office equipment and clothing were reported missing.

Someone attempted to pry open a door at the 6600 block of Liberty Street during the night of Dec. 15. During the daytime Dec. 16, someone broke a window to enter a car parked in the driveway of a home in the 6600 block of Liberty Street. The car was reported stolen from the home.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to steal a 1990 Pontiac Firebird in the 11700 block of Liberty Street between midnight and 6 a.m.

A spoiler was taken from a truck on the block of Liberty Street during the night of Dec. 15. During the daytime Dec. 16, someone broke a window to enter a car parked in the driveway of a home in the 6600 block of Liberty Street. The car was reported stolen from the home.

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Garden plants were reported stolen from a home in the 6100 block of Jordan Avenue on Dec. 16.

A report was made that a bike had been stolen from in front of Target.

Two cases of domestic violence were reported on Dec. 16; a second purse was reported stolen from a store at 5:20 p.m.

Baseball revival in S. F.? Say hallelujah!

What about the weather?

You're wondering about the weather. Sure the park will be cool. Hey, this isn't Houston. But it won't be Arctic. Technology has improved since they built that wind tunnel at Candlestick Point, and fans should expect the weather to be similar to the Oakland Coliseum's.

Dean Macris, former planning director of San Francisco and currently a consultant on this project, said, "The design fits San Francisco's character so well that

San Francisco stadium."

Think about that. Candlestick was like a satellite that was dropped into a wasteland. The new park, if it ever gets built, will be an integral part of the South of Market neighborhood, complementing the architecture, making the area come to life. Now that part of town is barren, but with this esthetic structure, this artifact, artists will buy lofts nearby. Art galleries will open and so will sports bars and restaurants.

The same thing happened in

Spear, the same architect who designed Coors, Jacobs Field in Cleveland and Baltimore's Camden Yards. Spear says this one will be the most special of all. (Sorry, but the Coliseum can't compare now that they're taking away those beautiful views in the remodeling for the Raiders.)

I think the China Basin ballyard will be the best-looking ballpark in America, a place people will want to visit even if the Giants are in the cellar.

But here's a curious thing. If

'If San Francisco votes yes, the implications for Oakland are enormous...There are already rumors that the new ownership want to move the team to Sacramento in three years.'

playoff studs once they got Coors Field.

The Giants are doing everything right in their push to make this dream a reality. As you already know they're not asking for a cent of public money for

ownership (Bob Lurie) just didn't get it," Kopp said. "They thought they could just trot something out and expect everyone to stand up and salute."

The Giants are also using personal seat licenses, but they're not calling them PSLs because of the dirty name the Raiders have given those things. Sixty-three suites and about 15,000 club seats on the field and mezzanine levels will involve some kind of payment — average cost 2 grand. But this is a one-time deal, and the buyer can do whatever he wants with the seat, will it to his kids, sell it, sit on it.

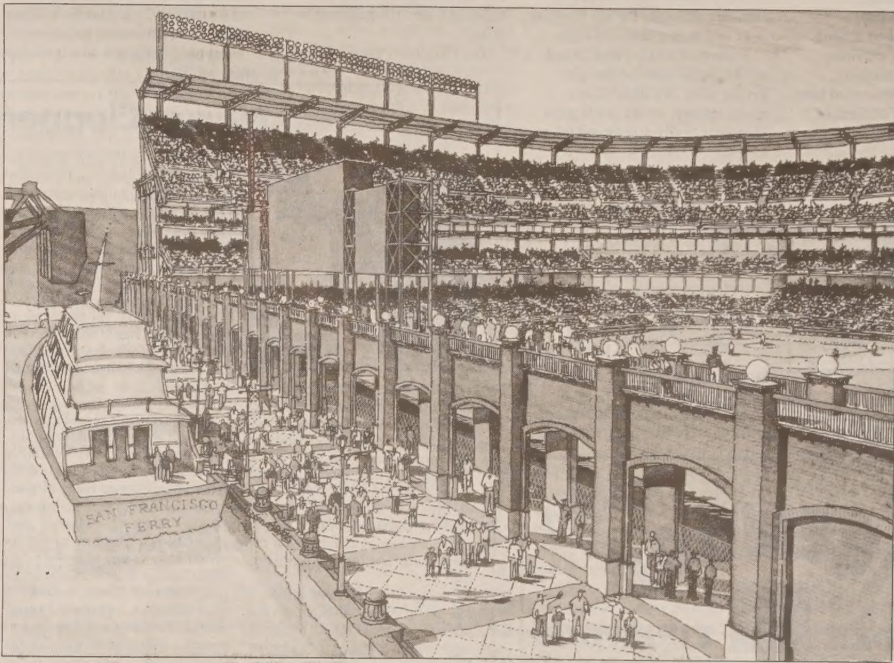
The remaining 27,000 seats will be regular seats, not associated with any kind of payment or extortion. The Giants also plan to hold 5,000 bleacher seats for day-of-game purchase. Price? Five bucks.

The remaining 30 percent

The ballpark goes on the March 26 San Francisco ballot, and the Giants' initial polling indicates they will win. A China Basin initiative failed by only 1,800 votes in 1989, and that ballpark proposal included substantial public funding.

"The polling gives us confidence," Magowan says, "but I don't want to say we have this won. Thirty-five percent of the voters are against everything. Another 35 percent will say yes to anything having to do with baseball. It all depends on how we affect the remaining 30 percent."

My guess is that the San Francisco voters will accept this new structure on their waterfront. They'd be crazy not to. If San Francisco votes yes, the implications for Oakland are enormous. A flourishing Giants franchise could be one more reason for the A's to leave town. There already are rumors the new ownership wants to take the team to Sacramento in three years. We'll just have to watch and wait.



Architect's rendering of the proposed Giants' China Basin Park. Fans will be able to walk the Bayside promenade and watch the game from rightfield — for free!

people won't want to deny the city one of these things. It is truly an urban-style ballpark. It looks as if it's another city building on the street. It borrows from the best of the industrial-style buildings south of Market — industrial windows, red brick, arch entry ways. It will be a San Francisco building, not merely a

Denver when they built Coors Field. The area looked like Beirut after a bombing. Certainly no one would dare walk there at night. And now Coors Field has made that neighborhood alive and vibrant.

'The most special of all'

The Giants have hired Joe

the Giants get their stadium they won't be in the cellar. New stadiums generate revenue, which allows a team to get better players, etc. You can see where this is going. It's no coincidence that the Indians got into a World Series after they moved into Jacobs Field, or that the lowly Rockies suddenly became

construction although there is talk of \$10 million to prepare the site. Because there will be minimal costs to the taxpayer, the Giants were able to get the endorsement of grumpy but influential state Senator Quentin Kopp (does this guy sound like Walter Matthau or what?), who opposed the other four ballpark initiatives. "The old

Jackets surpass last season's disaster thanks to Cal

Gray Cathrall

last season, in which any considered a near miracle. Berkeley High boys soccer team already bettered its league record and the league season hasn't started.

3-2-1 losses in preseason, Yellowjackets have their new

thank, with a nod to the Cal

soccer program.

Taking over as the fourth head coach in four years at BHS is 21-year old Todd Higley, a senior at Cal and captain of the Bears soccer team for the past two years. Higley, who was hired in the fall, brought in his teammate Ryan Rud to assist. Both were defensive specialists at Cal, so there should be no surprise that the Jackets will be considered a

strong defensive team this year.

"When I first started here," Higley said recently, "we spent the first two weeks working on nothing but defense. When we had tryouts, I didn't even want to know who had been on the varsity or JV teams last year, or who the new players were. "We had 70 at the tryouts, and I wanted to pick the 20 best players, period."

Even though Berkeley returns 13 players from last year's varsity, just six of them are starters. Noticeably lacking, however, were skilled fullbacks.

"We didn't even have defenders," Higley explained, "so we had to develop some. Everyone on the team is coming together now. They know we have a system, even though it's brand new to a lot of the play-

ers." Higley, a Danville native, has played at the highest competitive level since grade school. He was on the state team and the Western Regional team from age 14-1/2 through 17-1/2; at age 16 he was invited to try out for the U.S. national team. He was a four-year starter at Monte Vista High, and starred on the Under-19 Tri-Valley Red team in the Premier League.

In his many years of playing, at the club level, high school, and for the past four years, as a scholarship player at Cal, Higley has made a practice of winning.

"These guys like winning," he said. "They're a very intelligent group of players, and they're very good listeners. I told them that our goal this year will be to get to the North Coast Section playoffs."

Higley helped coach Monte Vista, to a semifinal game in the NCS playoffs last year. He figures that the top two teams in the Bay Valley Athletic League will be Da La Salle and Monte Vista, and he intends that Berkeley, in one short year, can compete at the top level of its league.

The Jackets starting lineup will include six seniors, three juniors, a sophomore and one freshman, and will be led by team captain Kojo Arhin, a senior at center midfield. The defense will be anchored by three juniors, goalkeeper Avery Cohn and fullbacks Tim Wright and Juan Sanchez; senior Matt Wakeman at sweeper, and sophomore Gabe Clark at marking back.

Working with Arhin in the midfield line will be three other seniors, John McClung and Carlos

'When we had tryouts, I didn't even want to know who had been on the varsity or JV...'

—COACH TODD HIGLEY

Herrera on the outside, and Andy Samberg as a defensive midfielder. The front line will feature a freshman, Jose Fernandez, and the team's leading scorer, Remy Tenant, a senior.

Tenant is averaging a goal a game, with a six goals and two assists in the six preseason games. Fernandez has scored three goals and Arhin has two.

"The best thing about these guys is that none of them are individuals. Everyone is doing his part," said Higley. "In our last four games, we've given up just one goal and we have scored 18 goals, so something is working."

"I'm really proud of the guys. I guess they believe in our system. I've told them that offense wins games and defense wins championships," he added. "I want us to win the league and go to the playoffs."

Albany High's Jesse Figueroa, who coached Higley at Monte Vista, is not surprised at the lofty goal that Higley has set for the Yellowjackets.

"Todd has always led by example, and has displayed great leadership. He's a ceaseless player, and a super guy. Berkeley's very lucky to have him."

Cougars need to raise it 1 more notch

Gray Cathrall

the coaches' tradition is to the sights higher for their each year.

the case of Albany's Jesse Figueroa, the boys soccer coach for the past four years, raising year's performance by one will put the Cougars into league playoffs this year.

With a record of 4-5-1 in 1995, Albany placed seventh in the Alameda-Contra

Athletic League, just behind the playoffs by one slot.

the task to finish among the six will not be easy, how-

Figuroa has only four returning varsity players, led by

midfielder. The other are also seniors, Coby

man and David Ketylar at

midfield.

Douglas plays on the California State select team, and clearly is the heart and soul of the Cougars.

The experience level drops off after that, with a sophomore Jordan Denon as goalkeeper; freshmen Christian Banda and Arin Amiri, and sophomore Sam Cooper and Piero Banda as strikers; and sophomores Evan Phippen and Julian Ahmed as defenders.

Also playing on defense will be Russell Wirth, a junior, and seniors Ravi Savitalla and Maki Hasegawa. Junior Russell Waugh will be used as a striker, with Anthony Tasoulinh, a sophomore, as the backup keeper.

With the task of molding a lot of new varsity players with his core of four, Figueroa knows he has his work cut out. But the long-time soccer coach has seen it all.

For nine years he coached the highly successful boys program at Monte Vista High School in Danville, leading them to the North Coast playoffs nearly every year. He has coached premier and district teams in the East Bay for many years, and currently coaches the ACC Mavericks Under-19 team.

He knows there are tradeoffs in life. The Albany native likes the short drive to Cougar Field. He wants to build the same kind of winning soccer program at Albany that he had at Monte Vista, but knows it will take time.

"We'll be every inexperienced this year," he said. "Some of our players are on club teams, but they're not being taught tactics. So we have to spend a lot of time on tactics before the season begins."

To that end, Figueroa took the

Cougars last week to the John Burrows Invitational tournament in Burbank, and has them in this week's Bishop O'Dowd tourney.

"Rebuilding is not as tough for me as it is for the players," he observed. "The problem I'm having with winter soccer is that we have no established program here. But it's an unselfish team. They are hard-working kids who want to do well."

Playing through the holidays poses its own hazard. At today's scheduled BOD tournament game with perennial NC playoff contender Amador Valley Figueroa has a basic request.

"I'm just hoping we have 11 players for the game."

The Cougars open their ACCAL season next week with a game at O'Dowd on Wednesday, and at Encinal Friday.

A place in time

By Barbara Campbell

In 1939, I was 10 years old and quite unaware that, outside our close-knit community in Moccasin, a Depression was flourishing. My father had given me a whole dollar to buy Christmas presents when we took our monthly trip to Sonora.

Moccasin Creek, located on the Big Oak Flat Road to Yosemite, contained thirty houses occupied by families who had at least one member employed by the city of San Francisco. Most worked at the gigantic pink power house, designed in California Mission style with a tile roof and arched arcades. My tall, blond, handsome father was a member of the line gang, the youngest of six linemen who kept the lines clear so that electricity could flow freely.

There was a store in Moccasin, run by the Segale family, that contained the post office, and sold basic staples like milk, bread, and eggs. But, for the most part, families took a run into Sonora to buy what they needed.

Sonora! I was so excited. Never before had I had money to spend and now I possessed a

whole dollar. I could buy presents for my two younger brothers, Donald, six, and Richard, four, and my mom and dad. Having money in my purse made me feel so rich.

Sonora's main street, where all the stores are, is on a steep hill. The flat part, where the highway dead ends and the hill commences, had the elegant Spanish-style Sonora Inn on the left side of the street. Lillian's, a fashionable women's store, displaying mannequins clad in elegant, long, slinky evening dresses in the window, was next door.

I checked Penney's across the street, but it was out of my price range. The best place to shop was the dime store at the bottom of the hill. Sonora was considered a big town then; it actually had two five and ten cent stores. My favorite, though, was this lower store with its shelves full of exciting, affordable merchandise.

I carefully searched among the coloring books, crayons, watercolors, handkerchiefs, pillow cases with crocheted trim edges and stamped designs of flowers, birds, or girls with fancy

dresses, rows of colored embroidery cotton thread and crochet yarns, bowls, and tacks or nails in little boxes. My most exciting find was a small Christmas tree that would whirl and spin, then open up to display a tree inside.

Overlooking this main street was a lovely, old, red church that stood at the top of the hill. The air was crisp, smelling of pine and of smoke from woodburning fireplaces. I felt a sense of peace and excitement as I hurried up the hill to the other dime store to compare prices and merchandise. Would this narrow, crowded store have anything that better suited my family?

It was a special, fulfilling day. I found such bargains that I actually had enough money to also buy presents for my favorite aunt and uncle, Eve and Fritz.

I married when I was 24 and my husband enjoyed the gift giving also. We didn't have much money, so we made gifts. One year really stands out when

Gift Giving

we lived near the Pleasanton cheese factory. We bought several different cheeses, cut them up and wrapped them in aluminum foil. Ed's family lived in Washington, D.C., so we sent theirs off early. We almost died when my mom, here in California, opened her gift on Christmas morning, and found the cheese completely covered with mold! It should have been refrigerated.

Having five children gave me lots of opportunities for gift giving. I would start gathering bargains on Jan. 2. My grandmother taught me to knit and crochet. My Mom and high school home economics teacher taught me to sew. With these skills, I made gifts for everyone. My favorite gift giving and receiving are still homemade gifts.

On Christmas morning, the

presents would cover half the living room floor. Each little present was wrapped separately, and we recycled all the paper and ribbon for the following year. It took half the day to unwrap everything, as only one present could be opened at a time. Now that my children have grown and have homes of their own, they delight at ripping off the paper. They look at me with a mischievous glint in their eyes, inviting me to say something. It is hard not to protest when they destroy a particularly beautiful paper. Old ways are hard to change.

After 22 years, 10 months and two days, our marriage came to an end. I couldn't believe that Ed would choose this time of year to ask for a divorce. Christmas became such a hardship. That first year I couldn't decide what anyone would like.

Gift giving has changed at Ed's home. He always has the children on Christmas Eve. They used to buy presents for everyone, but it got so expensive

they decided to draw names. They draw numbers. Last year, I had been suggested that we draw names on my side of the bed.

Where is the concern for others, the desire to pick the right gift? Life has become too fast, with no time to think, and too expensive for that our children are more with kids of their own. I would rather receive a handmade gift that shows someone cared than the expensive gift in the week.

I savor those memories of Christmas dollar so long ago and the lessons I learned of shopping or making the unique gift to fit that special person. I don't want to lose joy.

Barbara Campbell, a former Californian and Member of the California Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, has lived in El Cajon since 1982. This is her first published memoir.

Norge Cleaners



If I were a beaded dress, special suit or any item of clothing and could have a say in the matter, I would ask to be drycleaned at Norge Cleaners in Albany. Owner Janis Sadler's firm commitment to quality service allows clients to leave with a smile on their face, secure in the knowledge Norge's well trained staff will treat every item of clothing with the same special care they would give to their own.

If longevity in business can be a measure of success, then Norge is a perfect example. Owned by Janis's mother for ten years and for the last fifteen by Janis herself, Norge stands

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After meeting Mattie and Deborah, two members of the six person staff, it's easy to see why customer loyalty is such an important component of Norge's success. A sense of humor and obvious enjoyment in their jobs as well as a comfortable relationship with clients leaves the visitor with the sense that

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everyone there takes pride in their job.

Customers may move far and away, but they still remain loyal. Clients have moved as far away as Minneapolis still send clothes to Norge via UPS, especially wedding dresses and beaded or sequined suits which require a skilled touch.

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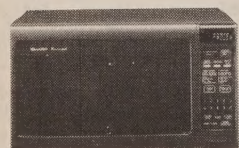
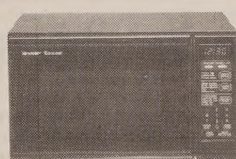
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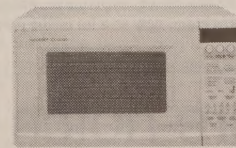
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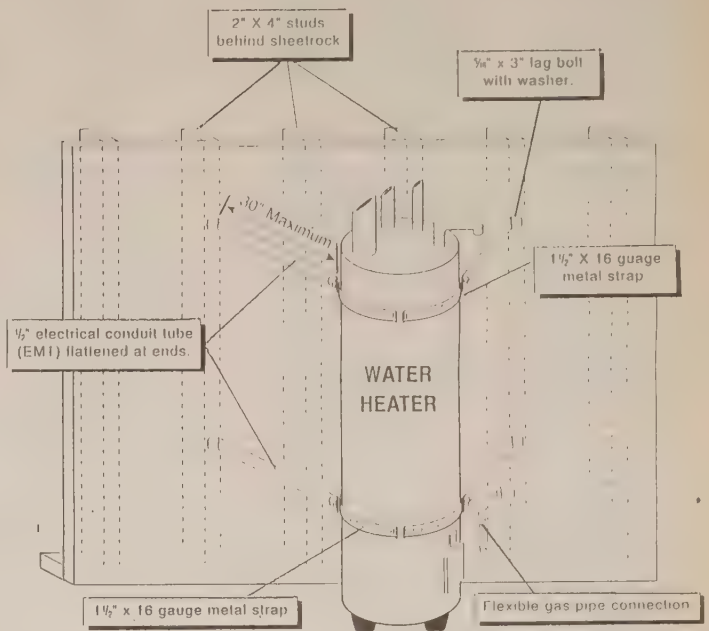
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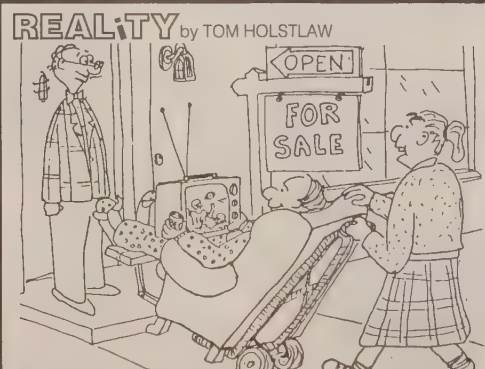
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139 Sweet Rd. - \$369,000
147 Sweet Rd. - \$332,000
153 Sweet Rd. - \$352,500
402 Tideway Dr. - \$309,000
1321 Webster 202d - \$110,500
1715 Wood St. - \$130,000

ALBANY

913 Key Route - \$228,500
1023 Peralta - \$262,000
1055 Stannage Ave - \$269,000

BERKELEY

2129 Ashby Ave. - \$125,000
2126 Emerson St. - \$187,000
1229 Glen Ave. - \$160,000
1 Harvard Cir. - \$289,000
152 Hillcrest - \$700,000
1509 Keoncrest - \$185,000
6906 Norfolk Rd. - \$262,500
283 Stonewall Rd. - \$620,000

EL CERRITO

1236 Lawrence St. - \$215,000
7336 Pebble Beach - \$314,000

EMERYVILLE

1068 47th St. - \$110,000
6363 Christie, 2824 - \$381,000

OAKLAND

13856 Campus Dr. - \$360,000
3426 Champion St. - \$136,000

17 Fieldbrook Pl. - \$206,000
801 Franklin St. - \$130,000
17 Glenwood Ave. - \$165,000
3973 Hanly Rd. - \$186,000
322 Hanover, 405 - \$135,000
5839 Heron Dr. - \$290,000
2515 Highland - \$101,500
2720 Humboldt - \$123,000
3581 Jordan Rd. - \$229,000
2825 Kitchener - \$265,000
2519 MLK Jr. Way - \$250,000
8214 Ney Ave. - \$121,500
1907 Oakview Dr. - \$430,000
3649 Shone Ave. - \$130,000
61 Starview Dr. - \$285,000
1198 Trestle Glen - \$211,000
31 Vancleave - \$233,500
3932 Walnut St. - \$139,000
3607 Woodruff - \$170,000

SAN LEANDRO

15141 Farnsworth - \$166,000
2636 Lakeview - \$323,000
14275 Santiago - \$183,000
390 Toler Ave. - \$159,500
1706 Vining Dr. - \$182,000
3811 Wedgewood - \$117,500

SAN LORENZO

245 Via Pecora - \$168,500
1590 Via Ventana - \$178,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$274,763

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$228,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$269,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$253,166

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$316,062

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$314,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$264,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$381,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$245,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: \$101,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$430,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$204,595

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$117,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$323,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$188,500

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$168,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$178,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$173,250

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work, carpet, drapes, walk-to-work closets with mirrored doors. AEK, secured parking. 10 Moss. 530-1005.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7194
The Name of the Business:
Pedro Ortiz, DBA Jark-King, 566 Sanford Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Pedro Ortiz, 566 Sanford Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1995.
The Journal December 14, 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7104
The Name of the Business:
Service 110, 2644 Appian Way, Suite 100 A, Pico, CA 94564.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Amir Karamzadeh, 2424 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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The Journal December 14, 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-6803
The Name of the Business:
PAMARY, 1721 Denlinger Rd., Concord, CA 94521.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
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Mary J. McClellan, 536 Marina Rd., Bay Point, CA 94565.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7202
The Name of the Business:
Milton H. Erickson Institute, 865 Arlington, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by P.O. Box 73, Berkeley, CA 94701.
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M. A. Erickson, 865 Arlington, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1995.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
Original File No. 94-1573
The following persons have caused the use of the fictitious business name Practice Management Consultants, 254 Twinnview Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
The fictitious business name related to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on February 25, 1994/March 9, 1994.
Lee Wade Tompkins, 254 Twinnview Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Nancy Lynn Knapp, 1325 Grandhaven St., Salinas, CA 93905.
Kelly Ann Kemp, 19110 Karris Lane, Castro Valley, CA 94546.
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James Paolucci, 10731 Golf Links Rd., Oakland, CA 94605-5614.
David L. Gustafson, 198 Middle Rincon Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95409-3409.
Signed: Lee W. Tompkins.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 6, 1995.
The Journal, December 14, 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7180
The Name of the Business:
Drain Tech, 6045 Reiston Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
James A. Plicher, 6045 Reiston Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-5754
The Name of the Business:
Diane's Nail Salon, 10558 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Viet Quang Huynh, 1635 E. 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94618.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 11, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7042
The Name of the Business:
JCH Consulting Company, 97 Shuey Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 29, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7087
The Name of the Business:
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 30, 1995.
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The Name of the Business:
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Notice is hereby given that LENDER SERVICE BUREAU, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Edith C. Wilson, an unnamed woman Recorded on 11/02/1988 as Instrument No. 203347 in Book 14691 Page 721 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 09/08/1995 as Official Record No. 95-15-149690 of said Official Records, will sell on 01/21/1996 at The Main Entrance to the City Hall 1666 N. Main

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Street, Walnut Creek, CA at 10:00 AM at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) the right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1359 Carlson Blvd Richmond, CA 94804. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$59,761.44. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided herein and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest as provided herein and in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 12/08/1995 LENDER SERVICE BUREAU as Trustee, a California Corporation, 1980 MacArthur Blvd., Suite #270, Irvine, CA 92614-4221 (714) 442-1221, 1028, 1995, 14, 1995

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7146
The Name of the Business:
Happy Homes Properties, 4704 Matterhorn Court, P.O. Box 440, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
John M. Hollender, 5510 Lenora Rd., Richmond, CA 94803-3447.
Paula Young, 5510 Lenora Rd., Richmond, CA 94803-3447.
Margaret Hollender, 1111 Fairlocks, Apt. #7, Alameda, CA 94501.
M. Paula Mzymski, 5824 College Ave., Apt. #5, Oakland, CA 94618.
Allan Schwartz, 2632 Fillmore St., #1, San Francisco, CA 94415.
Diana Frost, 61 Humbolt St., Richmond, CA 94805.
Sandra Love, 444 Kent St., Zephyr Cove, NE 89448.
Bak Y. Chin, 733 Gelett Blvd., Daly City, CA 94015.
Thomas & Nancy Casazza, 2609 Sonoma Way, Pinole, CA 94564.
Viviane Violet, 334 Berkeley Park Way, Kensington, CA 94704.
Juan E. & Alicia B. Tinirello, 4704 Matterhorn Ct., Antioch, CA 94509-8335.
This business is conducted by Co-owners.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 5, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-6948
The Name of the Business:
Nation's Giant Hamburgers, 4600-A Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94521.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Nation's Foodservice, Inc. (General Partner), 11090 Sycamore Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7094
The Name of the Business:
Lynne LeMar's Living Legacies, 3294 Withers Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Deborah Lynne Hall, 3294 Withers Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 30, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7186
The Name of the Business:
Syrnerrgetic Engineering Systems, 1231 Norvell St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Duane Yamasaki, 1231 Norvell St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7290
The Name of the Business:
ALLPRO Realty, 3065 Richmond Parkway, Suite 1070, Richmond, CA 94806.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Tosco And Young, Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 12, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7116
The Name of the Business:
Oasis Pools, 1771 Pleasant Hill Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
OSSPLS, Inc., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 4, 1995.
The Journal December 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 18, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7235
The Name of the Business:
peritav, 1048 Leland Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
John Y. Kwan, 1048 Leland Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Jeffrey A. Mogallan, 1608 Springbrook Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7340
The Name of the Business:
Fortune Paging & Gifts Co., 10408-A San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Shan-Mei Chen, 6501 Barrett Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 15, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-6630
The Name of the Business:
Veterans Mortgage Company, 2667 Camino Del Rio South-Plaza Level, San Diego, CA 92161.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
First Home Acceptance Mortgage Corporation, 2667 Camino Del Rio South-Plaza Level, San Diego, CA 92161.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 13, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7232
The Name of the Business:
Responsive Communication Services Inc., 1883 E. Sumnerfield Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Responsive Communication Services Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1995.
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This business is conducted by a Corporation.
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File No. 95-7107
The Name of the Business:
University Connection, 113 Hogan Ct., Suite 4, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Debra Fayle Tonn-Lavy, 113 Hogan Ct., Suite 4, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 1, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7348
The Name of the Business:
Jam Services, 190 El Cerrito Plaza, #137, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
John Whitley, 190 El Cerrito Plaza, #137, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 15, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7218
The Name of the Business:
Environmental Law Services, 2208 Ridge Point Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Michael Easter, 2208 Ridge Point Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7234
The Name of the Business:
Rudal's Environmental Services, 1132 Palmer Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Federico Molano, 1132 Palmer Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Alfred Machacon, 1111 Storington Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1995.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S.No. L-5133
APN549-052-001-1
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 14, 1994. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON JANUARY 28, 1996 AT 10:00 a.m., ROBERT E. WEISS INCORPORATED as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on October 28, 1994 as Document No. 94-245663 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, executed by: RUBY RUSHING, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor SECURITY FINANCIAL ACCEPTANCE, L.P., A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At the Main Street entrance to the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Lot 1, Block 4, B. Booman's Addition to the City of Pullman, filed December 9, 1910, Book 3, Page 71, of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 321 South 28th Street, Richmond, CA 94804. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: \$58,192.33. Estimated accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Election to Sell, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. Dated: December 15, 1995. ROBERT E. WEISS INCORPORATED as TRUSTEE, 920 VILLAGE OAKS DRIVE, P.O. BOX 3269, COVINA, CA 91722. (818) 967-4302. By: CRIS A. Klingerman

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7103
The Name of the Business:
TK LAM Group, 1997 Countrywood Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Craig W. De Mello, 1154 Rhoda Way, Concord, CA 94518.
Susan B. De Mello, 1154 Rhoda Way, Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-6999
The Name of the Business:
Professional Medical Systems, 37 Quail Court, San Francisco, CA 94134.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Harvey J. Widore, M.D., 17 Hall Drive, Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 27, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7103
The Name of the Business:
Fifteen Candles Investment Club, 4791 Burgundy Drive, Oakley, CA 94561.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Lisa Waters, 2110 Marsh Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Regina Coleman, 5060 Mesa Ridge Dr., Antioch, CA 94509.
Sandra Givens, 5692 Hillcrest Dr., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Jacqueline Lindsey, 4791 Burgundy Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.
Nellie Boone, 761 24th Street, Richmond, CA 94804.
Barbara Duncan, 5360 Olive Dr., Concord, CA 94521.
Patricia Givens, 2818 Clinton Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Karen C. Walker, 557 30th Street, #A, Oakland, CA 94609.
Sarah Wallace, 3070 Birmingham Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 1, 1995.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-6992
The Name of the Business:
Herb Rite, 190 Fawcett, Hercules, CA 94547.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Kelvin Verrett, 190 Fawcett, Hercules, CA 94547.
This business is conducted by an individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7205
The Name of the Business:
De Mello Fine Food, 1154 Rhoda Way, Concord, CA 94518.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Craig W. De Mello, 1154 Rhoda Way, Concord, CA 94518.
Susan B. De Mello, 1154 Rhoda Way, Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7184
The Name of the Business:
TK LAM Group, 1997 Countrywood Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Craig W. De Mello, 1154 Rhoda Way, Concord, CA 94518.
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This business is conducted by an individual.
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File No. 95-6999
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Interns sought for Hall of Science

BERKELEY—UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science is now recruiting high school juniors and seniors as participants in an intern program for the spring 1996 semester. Applications are being accepted now through Jan. 22, 1996, for volunteer/intern positions as exhibit facilitators and monitors for the Invention Adventure exhibit scheduled to open at Lawrence Hall of Science in mid-February, 1996, and run through June 2, 1996.

Interns will assist and monitor visitors participating in the exhibit, provide visitors with additional information about the science content of the exhibit, and conduct simple science demonstrations in conjunction with the exhibit. Training in science content and museum public service will be provided.

Each high school intern will be assigned to work several weekend shifts from mid-February through June 2, 1996, and on weekdays during school holidays during that same period. Interns will receive bus and shuttle passes for transportation to

the Hall, as well as a stipend for completion of their assignment. Interns need not have a science or math background to apply. Applicants must be a high school junior or senior, and at least 16 years of age. To request an application, call (510) 642-9635.

The Koret Foundation awarded a grant to Lawrence Hall of Science to enable high school students to train and work in the Hall. The internship program provides valuable tuition-free training and experience in science and public service.

The Lawrence Hall of Science is the public science center of the University of California at Berkeley. The Hall is both a science museum and a research center that develops innovative science teaching materials. LHS hands-on science exhibits, a laboratory of live animals, a planetarium shows, children's theatre, special events, and classes encourage visitors to learn about joy science.

Winter classes set at Albany Pool

The Albany Pool, located at 1311 Portland Ave., is accepting mail registration for the Winter Session classes to begin on Jan. 2.

Adult fitness classes will include calisthenics in the water, arthritis exercise, deep water exercise, and water walking. Swimming levels for adults are from beginning through advanced. Classes meet in the morning, evening, and on Saturday.

Children's classes are for youngsters 4 years and older. Classes meet in the morning, evening, and on Saturday.

The Parents and Tot program is water adjustment classes for children 4 months to 4 years old. These

classes meet mornings and on Saturday.

Albany Pool has an early synchronized swimming program. These classes are held in the morning and on Saturday.

The Albany Blue Dolphins team for children 5 to 18 will meet Monday through Friday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is a recreational program open to anyone who is able to swim 100 feet.

The Masters Swim Team meets swimming during the week swim classes and Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Albany Pool offers physical therapy programs for both children and adults. These programs are offered through licensed therapists and are held during the day and in the evening.

A complete schedule of recreational swim hours is available at the pool. Please call the pool at 559-6640 for exact programs and fee information for your convenience.

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